CHARLES,

By the Grace of God King of England, Scotland, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all and singular Archbishops, Bishops, Archdeacons, Deanes, and their Officials; Parsons, Vicars, Curates, and to all Spirituall Persons. And also to all Justices of Peace, Majors, Sheriffes, Bayliffes, Constables, Churchwardens, and Headboroughes; And to all Officers of Cities, Boroughs, and Townes Corporate; And to all other our Officers, Ministers and Subjects whatsoever they bee, aswell within Liberties, as without, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

WHEREAS by the humble Supplication and petition of our loving Servant Sir Richard Graham, knight and Baronet, one of Our Queries, We are credibly given to understand that hee hath formerly had a grant under Our great Seale, and Dutchy Seale, for the building of the Church of Kirkeanders, with two Chappels of Ease, within our County of Cumberland, bordering upon Our kingdome of Scotland, for the better education and instruction of the people there, for want of which they are run into many inconveniences. And that Our Servant hath proceeded for the finishing thereof, so farre as his ability will extend, and cannot finish it; the charge thereof being too great for him to undergoe, and hath therefore most humbly besought Us that according to Our Princely zeale to workes of this nature, We would be graciously pleased to grant unto him Our Letters Patents for some helpe to bee made therein by way of a Collection of the charity of well disposed people. And whereas upon further consideration taken of this extraordinary case, we are given to understand by speciall Certificats, under the hands of our trusty and welbeloved Subjects Sir Phillip Musgrave, and Sir Patrick Curwen, Baronets, Sir Edward Musgrave, Sir George Dalston, Sir Henry Blincowe, Sir John Lowther, Sir Thomas Carleton, and Sir Thomas Dacre knights, and Anthony Hutton, Esquire Justices of the Peace within our forenamed county of Cumberland, That our Royall Father King James of blessed memory, did for the Church of Arthuret adjoyning, grant a Collection by way of a Briefe towards so charitable a worke, by which meanes the said Church is built all but the Steeple, But the Church of Kirkeanders lyeth as yet unbuilt, and the Parishioners thereof are inforced to go to Arthuret Church over the River Esk. When they can passe for the said River which is very perilous, their being neither Church nor Chappell in the Parish of Kirkeanders for reading divine Service, And therefore they have commended the same unto us, And that they have also beene an estimate of the Charge, under the hands of Masons, Carpenters, and Joyners, which will Amount unto the Summe of Three Thousand Pounds at the least, for building the Church and Two Chappels of Ease, according to our late direction under our great Seale and Dutchy Seale, And therefore they have likewise desired our furtherance therein for so pyous a worke, it being the principall meanes to informe our Subjects therein the true grounds of Christianity, whereof they stand in great need. Now forasmuch as we tendring the glory of God, and comfort and Salvation of the Soules of our loving Subjects, as also upon the humble request of our foresaid Justices, and likewise upon the humble Petition of Our foresaid Servant Sir Richard Graham, have condiscended thereunto, for a Collection to be made within certaine Counties and places hereafter mentioned: Not doubting, but that all good Christians considering the premisses, will be ready and willing, (and the rather for Our Commendation,) to extend their liberall contributions, towards the furtherance of so godly and religious a worke.

KNOW ye therefore, that of Our especiall grace and Princely compassion We have given and granted, and these Our Letters Patents doe give and grant unto Our said Servant Sir Richard Graham, and to his Deputy and Deputies, the Bearer or Bearers hereof, full power, Licence and authority, to aske, gather receive, and take the Almes and charitable benevolence of all Our loving Subjects, whatsoever Inhabiting, within Our Cities of London and Westminster, with the Suburbs and Liberties thereof, And in our Counties of Cumberland, Northumberland, Westmerland, Durham, Lancaster, Yorke, Derby, Nottingham, Lincolne, Rutland, Leycester, Northampton, Bedford, Hertford, Middlesex, Essex, Kent, Surrey, Cambridge, Norfolke, and Suffolke, our Citie of Carlioll, Our Towne and County of Newcastle upon Tyne, our Cities of Durham, and Yorke, our Townes and Counties of Kingstone upon Hull, and Nottingham, our Cities of Lincolne, Peterborough, Canterbury, and Rochester, with our Cinque Ports, our Borough of Southwarke, our University of Cambridge, and Isle of Ely, our Citty of Norwich, and Towne and County of the same. And in all other Cities, Townes Corporate, Priviledged places, Parishes, Villages, and in all other places whatsoever within our said Counties, and not elsewhere, for and towards the building of the said Church, and two Chappels of Ease.

WHEREFORE We will and command you, and every of you, that at such time and times as the said Sir Richard Graham, his Deputy or Deputies, the Bearer or Bearers hereof, shall come and repaire to any your Churches, Chapels, or other places, to aske, and receive the gratuities and charitable benevolence of our said Subjects, quietly to permit and suffer them so to doe, without any manner your let or contradiction. And you the said Parsons, Vicars, and Curates, for the better stirring up of a charitable devotion, deliberately to publish and declare the Tenour of these our Letters Patents, or the Coppie or Briefe hereof, unto our said Subjects upon some Sabbath day, when as the same shall be tendered unto you, Exhorting and perswading them to extend their liberall contributions in so good and godly a deede.

AND you the Churchwardens of every Parish where such Collection is to be made (as aforesaid) to Collect and gather the Almes and charitable benevolence of all our loving Subjects, aswell Strangers as others. And what shall be by you so gathered, to bee by the Minister and your selves endorsed on the backside of these our Letters Patents, or the Copie or Briefe thereof, in words at length, and not in Figures; and the Summe and Summes of Money so gathered and endorsed, to deliver to the Bearer or Bearers of these our Letters Patents, and to no other person, when as thereunto you shall be required. Any Statute, Law, Ordinance, or Prohibition heretofore made to the contrary in any wise not withstanding.

IN Witnesse whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents for the space of one Whole yeere next after the date hereof to indure. Witnesse Our selfe at Westminster, the Eight day of November, in the Tenth yeere of Our Raigne.

GOD Save the King.

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